European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation
Activities in 2015

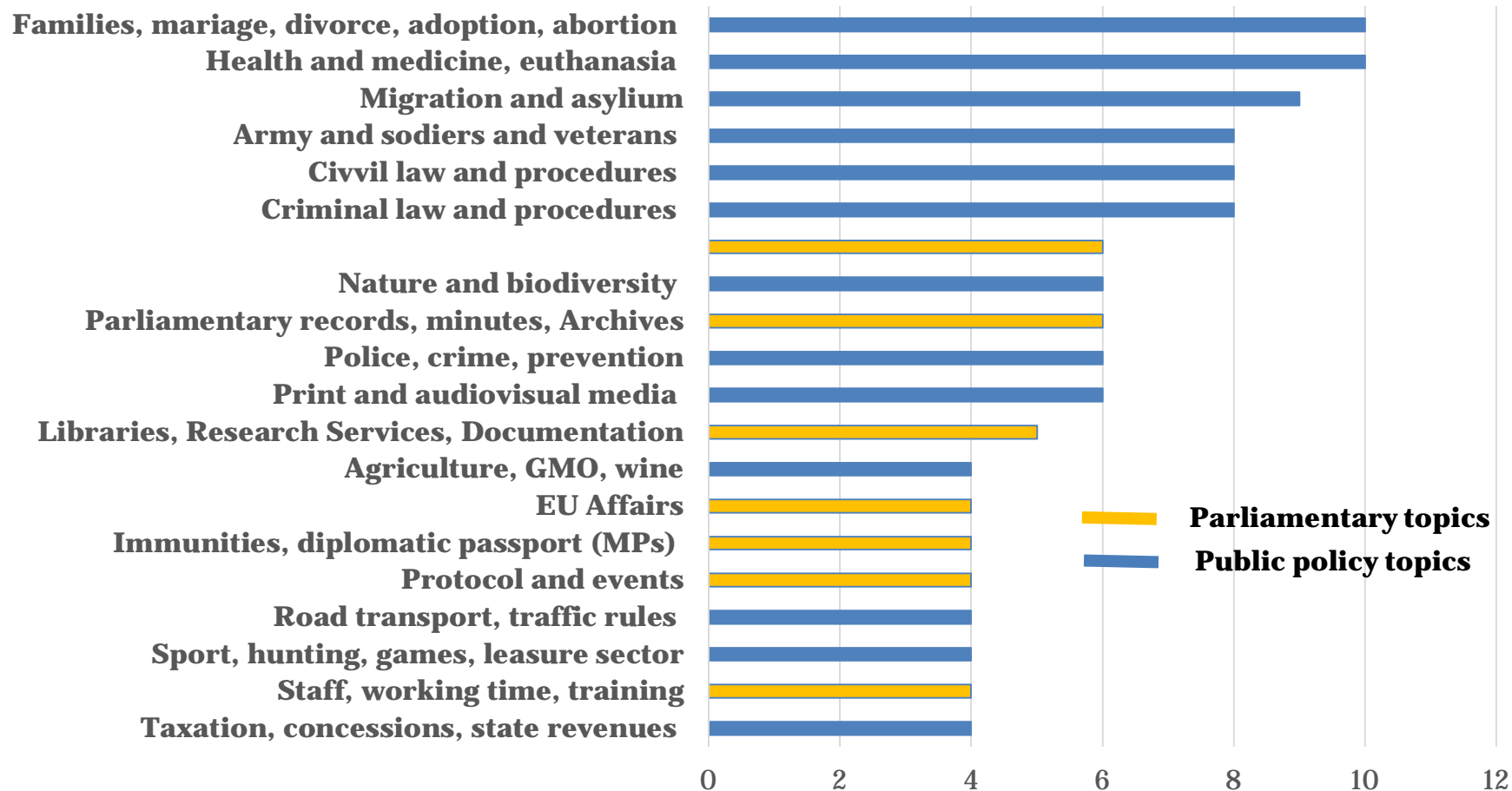**Ida KELEMEN Ph.D.**
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Facts and figures

- **39 years of operation** (established in 1977)
- **47 member countries** (+ 3 observer countries + 3 international parliaments: EP CoE, WEU).
- **70 parliamentary assemblies**
- **4 areas of interest**:
    - ICT in Parliaments
    - Parliamentary Practice and Procedure
    - **Parliamentary Libraries, Research and Archives**
    - Economic and Budgetary Affairs
- **2 main types of activity**:
    - Information exchange – comparative requests
    - Seminars on topical subjects (by areas of interest)

2015: 277 comparative requests

Top topics *(out of 121 topics, indicated in 177 requests)*

Topic	Value
Families, mariage, divorce, adoption, abortion	10
Health and medicine, euthanasia	10
Migration and asylum	9
Army and sodiers and veterans	8
Civvil law and procedures	8
Criminal law and procedures	8
(Parliamentary topics)	6
Nature and biodiversity	6
Parliamentary records, minutes, Archives	6
Police, crime, prevention	6
Print and audiovisual media	6
Libraries, Research Services, Documentation	5
Agriculture, GMO, wine	4
EU Affairs	4
Immunities, diplomatic passport (MPs)	4
Protocol and events	4
Road transport, traffic rules	4
Sport, hunting, games, leasure sector	4
Staff, working time, training	4
Taxation, concessions, state revenues	4

Legend:
- Parliamentary topics
- Public policy topics

Seminars in 2015

- Area of Interest ICT in Parliaments:

  - E-Parliament ICT services from everywhere and at any time: New challenges and projects – Ankara

  - Communication, digitalisation of processes and transparency in Parliaments – Brussels

- Area of Interest Parliamentary Practice and Procedure:

  - The practicalities, advantages and disadvantages of unicameral and bicameral parliamentary systems – The Hague

  - Public involvement in the procedure of the drafting and enactment of laws – Zagreb

- Area of Interest Economic and Budgetary Affairs:

  - Some crucial issues for Parliaments in Europe: fiscal policy towards boosting accountability, social security & technological progress – Warsaw

- **Area of Interest Libraries, Research Services and Archives:**

  - **Libraries and research services serving openness and transparency of parliament – Budapest**

LRA Seminar in Budapest

Session 1: Publicity of research papers

- Mr. Holger SCHEERER (Germany, Bundestag):
  Public access to the studies produced by the Research Services
  – Consequences of a final court judgment in June 2015

- Mr. Adrian GRYCUK (Poland, Sejm):
  Sharing knowledge with the outside world

- Mr. Goran BLAGOJEVIC (Parliament of Montenegro): Research services
  and public availability of research papers in the Parliament of Montenegro

- Ms. Madelaine DENNISON (Ireland, Houses of the Oireachtas):
  Research for parliamentarians = Research for citizens?

- Ms. Krisztina KARDOS (Hungarian National Assembly): Editorial Policy
  and Quality Control of Research Papers in the Hungarian Practice

- Ms. Sarah SHEIL (European Parliament):
  EPRS – editorial policies and quality control

LRA Seminar in Budapest

Session 2: Library services

- Ms. Vojka VUK DIRNBEK (Slovenia, National Assembly):
  Digitization and indexation of parliamentary documents - a practice from Slovenian parliament

- Ms. Sari PAJULA (Finland, Eduskunta):
  Services for the public in the Finnish library of parliament

- Mr. Adem AYDEMIR (Turkey, The Grand National Assembly):
  GNAT Library and a New Challenge: Open Access System

- Ms. Josefa FUENTES (Spain, Senado):
  Developing nuclear searches at the institutional website by the librarians and archivists of Parliament

- Manuela RUISI (Italy, Senato Della Repubblica): The parliamentary information in the Italian Senate and the role of the Library

Session 3: Programmes for general public and youth

- Ms. Eva MALACKOVA (Slovakia, National Council):
  Partner Libraries of the National Council of the Slovak Republic

- Mr. Piet van RIJN (Netherlands, Tweede Kamer): The impossibility of the promotion of parliamentarism, some personal observations

- Mr. Stanislaw CALETKA (Czech Republic, Chamber of Deputies):
  Department of Communication and Education - 10 years of activities towards a more open and transparent parliament.

- Ms. Gro SANGRID (Norway, Stortinget):
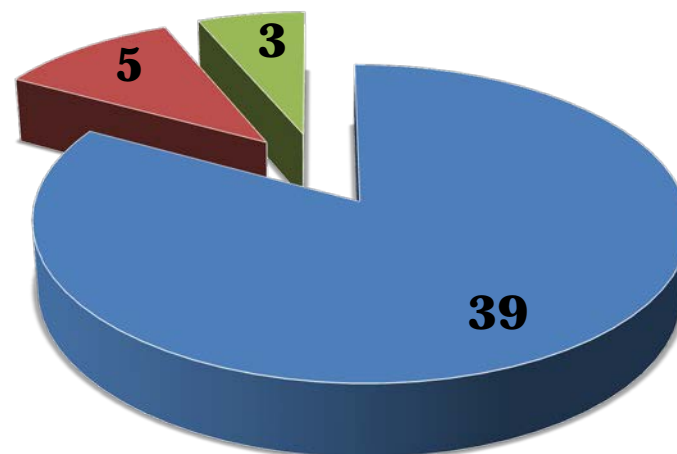 A Weekly Newsletter on EU/EEA – the Norwegian experience

L & RS Survey Results

Distribution of answers

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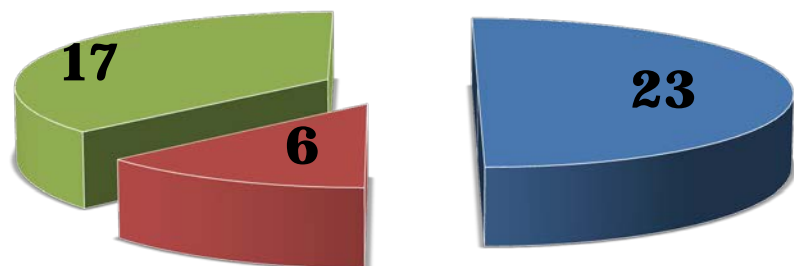
- Unicameral parliament

- Single answer on behalf of both chambers of a bicameral parliament

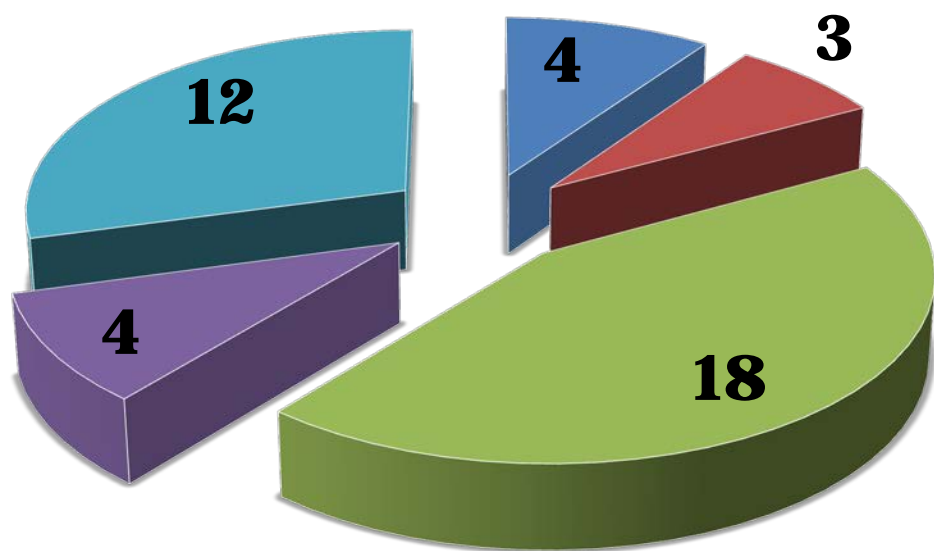- Chamber of a bicameral parliament

Organization

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- Both Library and Research Service
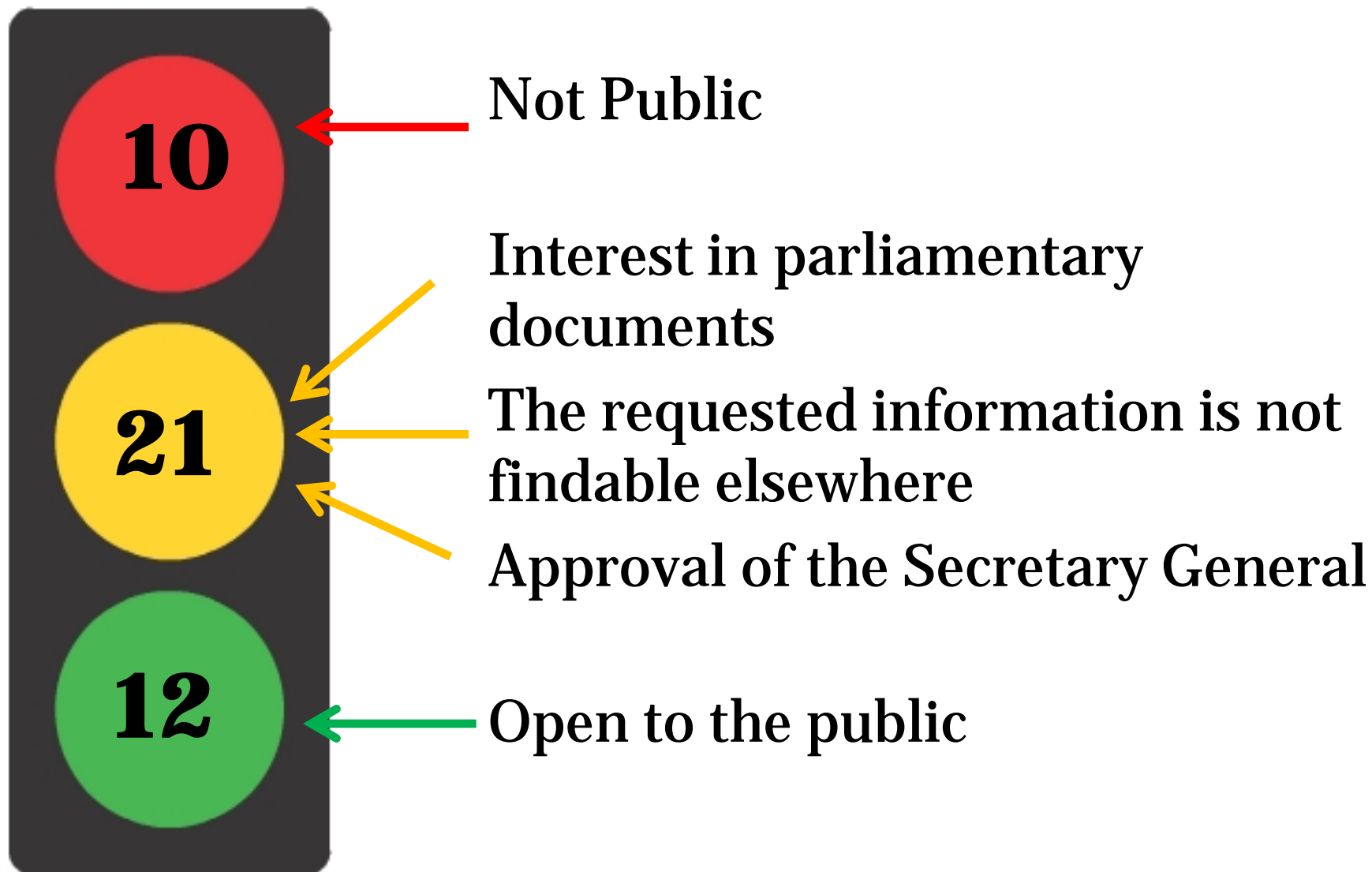
- Only Library

- Only Research Service

L & RS
Organizational relations

- The library is a subordinate unit of the research service
- The research service is a subordinate unit of the library
- They are independent units in the same department
- Integrated service in the same department
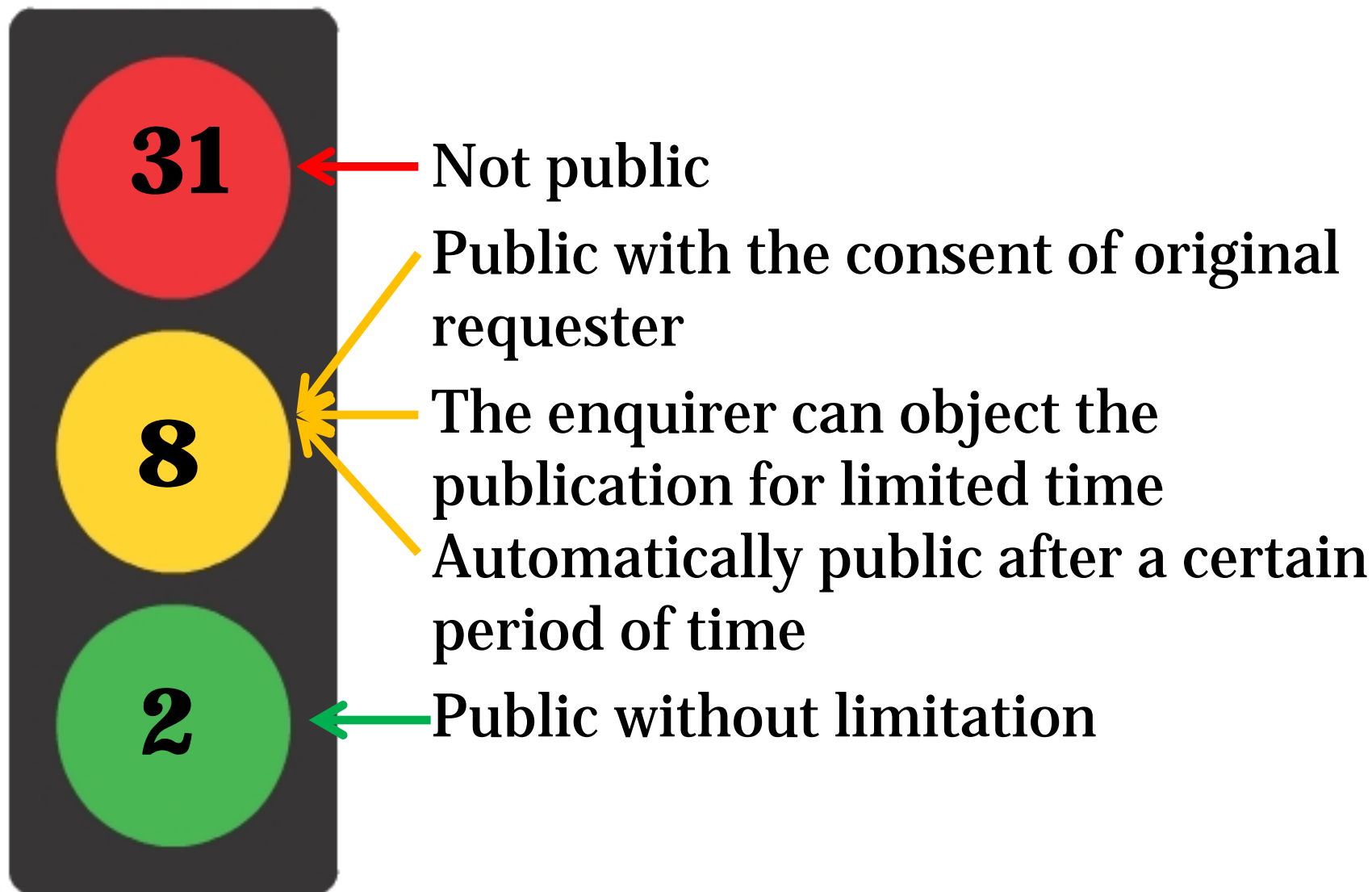- Independent units in different organizational departments
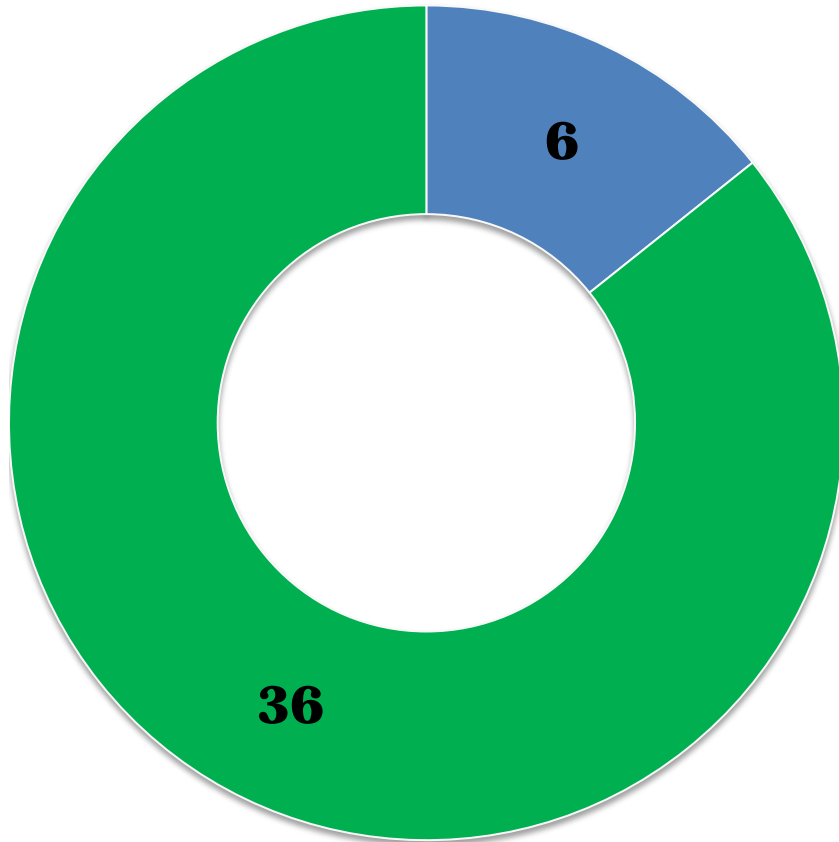
Publicity of Parliamentary Libraries

10 — Not Public

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- Interest in parliamentary documents
- The requested information is not findable elsewhere
- Approval of the Secretary General

12 — Open to the public

Publicity of research papers prepared on demand

31 ← Not public

8 Public with the consent of original requester

The enquirer can object the publication for limited time

Automatically public after a certain period of time

2 ← Public without limitation

Regulation of publicity

Left chart:
- 6 — Legal obligation (blue)
- 36 — No legal obligation (green)

Legend:
- Legal obligation
- No legal obligation

Right chart:
- 19 — Internal rules exist (blue)
- 18 — Internal rules do not exist (red)
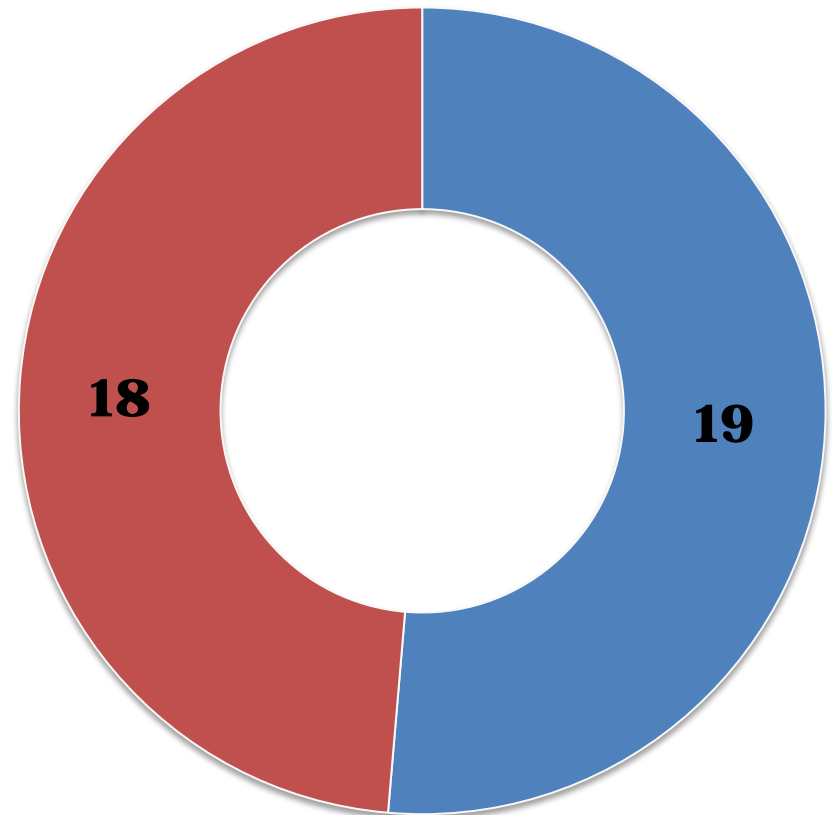
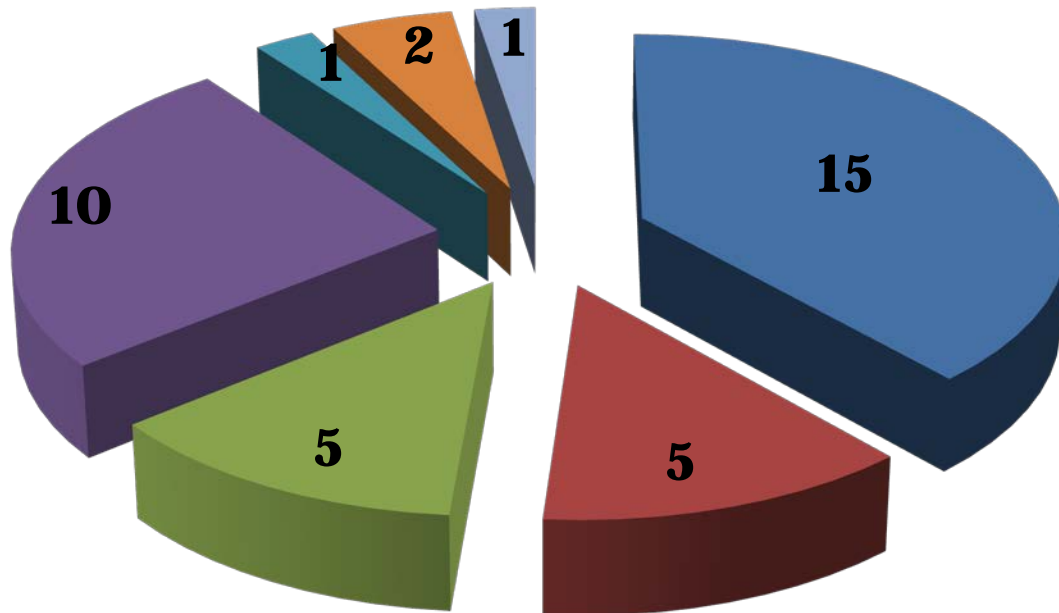**Legend:**
- Internal rules exist
- Internal rules do not exist

Quality management of research papers

- No formalised controlling system
- Single-level system: researchers
- Single-level system: superior
- Two-level system: researcher + superior
- Two-level system: external specialist + superior
- Multi-level sytem: researchers + superior + editorial board
- Formalised controlling system - no details

Thank you for your attention!
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